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PROMOTION OF HOCKEY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the new steps being taken by the Government to promote the sport of hockey in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab; and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage sports in these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) and (b): Sports as a subject figures in the `State List` of the Constitution and as suchpromotion of sports at state level is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India provides assistance to State Governments for installation of artificial hockey surfaces under the `Scheme of Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces`. The details ofcentral assistance, sanctioned to these states during the IXth Plan under this scheme, are given below:

Uttar Pradesh:

1. Replacement of hockey surface at Dhyan Chand Stadium, Lucknow Rs. 80 lakhs

2. Laying of hockey surface at Jhansi Rs. 100 lakhs

Madhya Pradesh:

1. Laying of two hockey surfaces at SAI Sports Centre, Bhopal Rs. 200 lakhs

2. Relaying of hockey surface at railway Stadium, Gwalior Rs. 100 lakhs

Punjab:

1. Replacement of hockey surface at Sports Complex, Chandigarh Rs. 100 lakhs.

2. Replacement of hockey surface at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Rs.100 lakhs.

3. Laying of hockey surface at Badal, Distt Muktsar Rs. 100 lakhs.

Apart from the above, the Government of India also augments through various schemes of the Sports Authority of India, the efforts of the State Government in promotion of Sports at sub-junior, junior and senior level. SAI is implementing the following schemes for promotion and development of sports in the country:

- National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
- Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC)
- SAI Training Centre Scheme (STC)
- Special Area Games Scheme (SAG)
- Centre of Excellence Scheme (COE)

Hockey is also being promoted as one of the disciplines under the above-said schemes. One of the Centers of Excellence is located in U.P.